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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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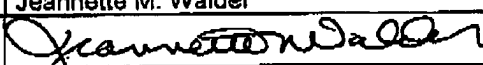
2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) (required))
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3. Fees [The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.]

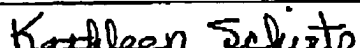
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- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) - \$790.00
- ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17). Please grant any required extension of time.
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